

REMARKS

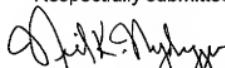
In the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between Group I (Claims 1-15), drawn to an articulation segment of a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 525, and Group II (Claims 16-20), drawn to a method of manufacturing an articulation segment, classified in class 408, subclass 1R.

In response, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-15), drawn to an articulation segment of a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 525. Accordingly, Claims 16-20, drawn to a method of manufacturing an articulation segment, classified in class 408, subclass 1R, may be withdrawn from consideration at this time.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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